

Shepshed Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

of the Medical Officer of Health
and

Surveyor and Public Health Inspector

for the Year 1961

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Medical Officer of Health's Report 1961

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Clerk to the Council: H. W. BERESFORD

Chairman of the Council: M. L. BAZELEY

Public Health Committee Chairman: H. PEBERDY

Housing Committee Chairman: B. WOOD

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1961.

The population continues to steadily increase and is now 7,210.

The birth rate (17.1) is lower than last year and lower than for England and Wales (17.4).

The death rate (11.4) is lower than 1960 (12.2) and lower than that for England and Wales (12.0).

The death rate of infants under one year of age is 0 and less than that for England and Wales (21.4).

I have to record again that the chief causes of death were from diseases associated with elderly people.

During the year 35 new houses were completed, 4 by the local authority and 31 by private enterprise, making a total of 784 houses completed in the post war period, of which 456 were constructed by the local authority.

Implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations 1958 has proceeded in a satisfactory manner.

During the year 104 cases of infectious disease were notified, of which 100 were Measles.

During the year only one case of Tuberculosis was notified, 1 Male Pulmonary. There were no deaths from Tuberculosis.

I am pleased to say that the number of children receiving primary immunisation against diphtheria still remains high, much higher than last year.

I wish to express my thanks to Dr. Mair, of the Public Health Laboratory, and the Public Health Department of the County Council for their willing help and co-operation.

Finally, I wish to thank Mr. R. B. Jones, Public Health Inspector and Surveyor, for his invaluable assistance during the year and you, Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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SECTION A

General Statistics and Social Conditions

Area (in acres)	4,321
Registrar General's Estimate of Resident Population	..						7,210
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1961)	..	..					2,387
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	..	£71,323
Sum representing 1d. rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	£292
Comparability factors: Births	..	..	..	..	..		0.97
Deaths	..	..	..	..	..		1.14

Shepshed is situated in pleasant surroundings on the northern borders of Charnwood Forest. Its main industries are quarrying, manufacture of hosiery, boots, shoes, bricks and tiles. No industry was noticed as having an adverse effect on health.

There is a public park with paddling pool and playground for children.

Vital Statistics

(Figures in brackets for England and Wales)

Live births	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.7
Live birth rate	..	..	..	..	..	..	17.1 (17.4)
Still births	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births							36.7 (18.7)
Total births	..	..	..	..	..	..	132
Infant deaths	..	..	..	..	..	..	0
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 live births						..	0 (21.4)
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate births							0
Infantile mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate births							0
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related live births			..	..	..	..	0 (15.5)
Early neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1,000 related live births			..	..	..	..	0
Perifal mortality rate of still births combined with early neo-natal deaths per 1,000 total related births	..	..	..	..	..	..	36.7
Percentage of illegitimate live births					..	..	1.57
Maternal deaths (including abortion)					..	..	0
Total maternal mortality rate (including abortion) per 1,000 total births	0 (0.33)

	Males	Females	Total
Live births: Legitimate	71	54	125
Illegitimate	2	0	2
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Total	73	54	127

	Males	Females	Total
Still births: Legitimate	5	0	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0
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Total	5	0	5

Total Live and Still births	78	54	132
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	Males	Females	Total
Deaths	35	38	73

Death rate per 1,000 of population	11.4 (12.0)
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CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE.	M.	F.	TOTAL
Malignant neoplasm, Stomach ...	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast ...	0	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus ...	0	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neopl'ms	2	1	3
Leukaemia aleukaemia...	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	7	13
Coronary disease, angina ...	7	2	9
Hypertension with heart disease ...	2	1	3
Other heart disease ...	2	9	11
Other circulatory disease ...	3	6	9
Influenza ...	3	0	3
Pneumonia ...	2	3	5
Bronchitis ...	1	1	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	0	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	1	0	1
Nephritis and neophroris ...	1	1	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	1	1	2
All other accidents ..	0	1	1
Total ...	35	38	73

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	0	0	0
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Chief causes of death:

Disease of Heart and circulation ..	..	..	..	45
Malignant Neoplasm (Cancer) ..	..	..	..	10
Diseases of Respiratory System ..	..	..	..	8

SECTION B

General Provision of Health Services for the Area

HOSPITALS

All hospitals except some private maternity and nursing homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. The County Homes for the aged and infirm people are under the County Council, but when they take ill are the responsibility of the Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

The Infant Welfare Centre is held at St. Winefride's Parish Hall every second and fourth Wednesday afternoon under the County Council.

The tuberculosis Clinic is held at Loughborough General Hospital and is under the Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The County Council is responsible for all ambulance facilities in the County, Colliery accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira.

NURSING IN THE HOME

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the home is carried out under the County Council.

HEALTH VISITING

The work is very efficiently carried out under the County Council. A Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at Leicester Royal Infirmary, and visits the patients in their homes on request.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

This work is carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester.

Examinations performed:

Faeces and Urine	8
Sputa	26
Vaginal and Cervical Swabs	..			1
Ice Creams	12
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				47

Generally there is co-operation between the local authority and services provided by Executive Council, and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Filtered water is purchased in bulk from the Loughborough Borough Council, and is satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in district:

Internal Mains Water Supply		Mains Water from External Stand Pipes		Well Water Supply	
No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwelling Houses	Population	No. of Dwellings	Population
2354	7094	26	65	7	20

The whole of the Urban Area is supplied from mains. Approximately 1,400 yards extension of mains to serve further housing development and agricultural property. In 3 cases wells were closed and pipe supply substituted.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Number of Cesspools constructed during the year	..	..	1
Number of Cesspools abolished during the year	..	..	0
Total number in district on 31st December, 1961	..		30
Number of private sewage treatment plants constructed during the year	..	..	0

Tenders for further extensions to disposal works to be considered in 1962.

600 yards of foul and storm sewers extended to serve further housing development.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Privies 20. Pails 37. W.Cs. 2,576.

Converted to water carriage system during the year:
Privies 0. Pails 4.

Pail Closets are emptied at night once a week by direct labour and taken to agricultural land.

Domestic refuse is collected weekly by one vehicle by direct labour to one crude tip. Cesspools are emptied by owners.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

(a) Total number of complaints received	..	..	64
(b) Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances dealt with	..	..	186
(c) Total number of defects or nuisances dealt with in (b)	..		186

INSPECTIONS MADE

	No. of Inspections
Animal Keeping	4
Bakehouses	18
Dairies	60
Drainage Works	200
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	475
Food Premises	94
Infectious Disease Enquiries ...	10
Food Poisoning Enquiries ...	2
Refuse Collection and Disposal .	250
Rodent Control	160
Schools	4
Shops	88
Slaughterhouses & Meat Inspect'ns	120
Smoke Observation	2
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	4
Verminous and Dirty Premises ...	10
Water Supplies	100
Workshops, Outworkers, etc. ...	8
Other Inspections	550
Total	2159

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January, 1961	—	—
Issued during year ...	56	22
Complied with during year ...	55	22
Statutory Action necessary ...	—	—
Outstanding 31st December, 1961	1	—

SUMMARY ACTION

SUMMARY ACTION. No action taken.

SHOPS. No action taken.

CAMPING SITES. None in area.

REGULATED BUILDINGS. None in area.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

(a) INDIVIDUAL VANS—3.

(b) More than two vans—0.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. No action taken.

THE PET ANIMALS' ACT, 1951. No premises in district.

RAGFLOCK AND FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951. No. of premises registered for upholstering, etc. 1

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

One part-time operator employed. 48 premises were dealt with.

SCHOOLS. Number of schools disinfected 2

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Number in area: Publicly owned Paddling Pool—1.

Privately owned (Hind Leys School) 1

Number of Inspections 52

Supplied by mains supply and regularly dosed when in use.

SECTION D

HOUSING

During the year 35 new houses were completed. 4 by the Council and 31 by private enterprise. 36 Council Houses and 31 by private enterprise are in course of erection.

Total number of post war houses completed by:

Local authority 456

Private enterprise 328

784

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at end of year 212

Number of applications received during year 51

Total number of occupied houses in district 2,387

Total number of Council Houses occupied in district .. 673

SECTION E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

ICE CREAM

Number of Premises registered (Retail only)	24
Number of Samples taken	12
Results: Grade I	11
Grade II	1

There are no complaints on the cleanliness of any of the premises.

MILK SUPPLY

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and Distribution (Section 8 Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949).

No. on Register			Inspections	Contraventions	
				Found	Remedied
Dairies	...	6	40	Nil	
Distributors	...	0	0	Nil	

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING

Class	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfact'y
Designated— “Tuberculin Tested” “Pasteurised”	Nil Nil	Nil Nil	Nil Nil

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of slaughterhouses in area	1
Number of animals slaughtered therein	1,627
Number of animals examined therein	1,521
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter	110
Number of knacker yards in area	0

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle Excluding cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
No. killed	235	1	964	427
Number inspected ...	210	1	910	400
All diseases except Tuberculosis whole carcasses condemned ...				
Number of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	27	—	34	7
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	12.4%	—	3.5%	1.6%

Tuberculosis—Nil.

Number of inspections of meat shops, meat stores, etc. .. 34

Number of inspections of places where food (other than
meat) is kept or prepared for sale 88

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Number of premises inspected 10

Number of inspections made for that purpose 30

Number of informal notices served 1

Number of informal notices complied with 1

Number of informal notices outstanding 31st December, 1961 0

Number of formal notices served 0

Action so far has been informal. There are no markets in the district. Implementation of the regulations has proceeded in a very satisfactory manner.

SECTION F

Prevalence of and Control of Infectious Diseases

Notifiable Disease other than Tuberculosis.

	Final Numbers After Correction	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Measles	101	0	0
Scarlet Fever	1	0	0
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Food Poisoning	1	1	0
Total	104	1	0

Analysis under Age Group:

Ages	Erysipelas	Scarl't Fever	Whoop'g Cough	Measles	Acute Polio Non Paralytic	Food Pois- oning
Under 1 year	0	0	0	3	0	0
1—2	0	0	0	8	0	1
2—3	0	0	0	21	0	0
3—4	0	0	0	15	0	0
4—5	0	0	0	15	0	0
5—9	0	1	0	39	0	0
10—14	0	0	0	0	0	0
15—24	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 and over	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	1	0	101	0	1

A child notified as a case of Food Poisoning was probably suffering from Salmonella infection. This had been acquired whilst she had been away on holiday.

Immunisation Against Diphtheria

Number of children immunised during the period 1st January—31st December, 1961

Age at 31.12.61 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1961	1 1960	2 1959	3 1958	4 1957	5 1956	6 1955	7 1954	8 1953	9 1952	10 1951	11 1950	14 1947	Total
Primary Immunisation	18	66	16	6	7			12				7		132
Booster Dose	—	—	—	—	5			51				2		58

Total Primary Immunisation 132
Total Booster Dose 58

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS APPEARING IN THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER FOR THE YEAR 1961

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
No. of cases in the Register at the commencement of year	15	7	2	1	25
No. of cases notified during the year	1	0	0	0	1
No. of cases restored to the Register	0	0	0	0	0
No. of cases added other than by formal notification	0	0	0	0	0
No. of cases removed from the Register during the year	2	0	0	0	2
No. of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	14	7	2	1	24

CAUSES OF REMOVAL FROM REGISTER

			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
			M.	F.	M.	F.	
Cured			2	0	0	0	2
			—	—	—	—	—
			2	0	0	0	2

There is free co-operation between the local authority and the Chest Physician, and every assistance is given in the ascertainment of contacts, rehousing and employment.

A special clinic for contacts has been working very satisfactorily and general practitioners have availed themselves fully of X-Ray facilities.

ANNEX TO ANNUAL REPORT

PART I OF THE ACT

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Inspect- ions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, and 5 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	4	0	0
Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	40	54	0	0
Total ...	41	58	0	0

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

			Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences (S.F.)				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	..	..	1	1
			—	—
	Total		1	1

PART VII OF THE ACT

Outwork Sections 110 and 111:

Nature of Work	No. of Outworkers in August list Required by Section 110	No. of Cases of defaults in sending lists to the Council	No. of Pros. for failure to supply lists
Wearing Apparel. (Making, etc.)	94	0	0

